UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising   SRF-5J
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                              RE: Area 3B, 4B, 5 Extension
                                    Request

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has
completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's
(U.S. DOE) March 14, 2002, letter requesting an extension for the
regulatory milestone for submittal of the Operable Unit (OU) 5
combined Area 3B, 4B, and 5 Integrated Remedial Design Package
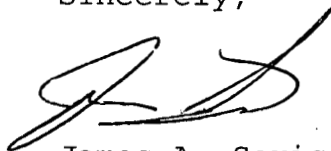(IRDP) on September 30, 2002. U.S. EPA concurs with the extension
request.

The current milestones for the Area 4B and 5 IRDPs are April 1,
2002, and July 1, 2002, respectively. Areas 3B, 4B and 5 cover the
western half of the production area.   Since a contiguous
construction area will need to be maintained to facilitate deep
excavations, a combined IRDP is the preferred path forward. Also,
excavation in Area 4B is scheduled for 2003.

U.S. EPA recognizes the demands for the extensive pre-design
characterization have resulted in more time required to develop the
IRDP. Further, the combined IRDP will not negatively impact the
accelerated excavation schedule in Areas 3B, 4B, and 5.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the extension request for submittal of
a combined IRDP for Areas 3B, 4B, and 5 by September 30, 2002.
This date is an enforceable milestones under the 1991 Amended
Consent Agreement.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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